

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MONDAY, January 10, 2023 - 6:30 P.M.
News Release

New High School Principal

- The board approved hiring Mr. Beau Sarwinski as the next principal of Galena High Schools. Mr. Sarwinski has been serving the Galena students, staff and community for 20 years as a teacher, coach, athletic director and high school assistant principal. Mr. Sarwinski will conclude the current school year fulfilling all of his current duties and assume the responsibilities as principal for the 23-24 school year.

Graduation Speaker

- Major Keith Marshall, a 1999 graduate of Galena High School, was announced as the keynote speaker for the 2023 High School Graduation Ceremonies. Major Marshall is an Air Force Commander for the 161st Intelligence Squadron in McConnell Air Force Base in Topeka, Kansas.

District Operations

With regard to District Operations:

- The board accepted and approved the T & M Stage Supply of Wichita for all five elements of the performing arts center upgrades. The upgrades include stage lights, house lights, sound system, video projector and curtains.

Personnel

In addition to hiring Mr. Sarwinski as the high school principal, the board approved

- the recommendation for Travis Garrison to serve as the Evening Shift Maintenance/Custodial Supervisor.
- the resignation as middle school volleyball coach of Kim Hulse.

The following openings for the 23-24 school year are a result of all board action

- High School Assistant Principal
- Middle School and High School Athletic Director (supplemental assignments)
- High School Varsity Head Football Coach
- Middle School Boys Basketball Coach
- Middle School Volleyball Coach

Remote Learning Days

The board was presented with information regarding Remote Learning Days for the current school year. In the event on-site learning is interrupted, in an effort to avoid interruptions to student learning, the following remote learning procedures will be implemented whenever possible.

- Remote Learning Day Participation for Students: Remote Learning Day participation may take a variety of forms, or combinations of different forms...These possibilities include

- “At the same time” (synchronous) learning activities: “At the same time” learning activity includes a phone call or live video conference with a staff member
- Previously assigned (asynchronous) learning activities: Previously assigned activities include archived videos and related assignments accessed through Canvas or other assignments posted on Canvas.
- Deadlines for completing remote day assignments will be similar to those utilized when students have excused absences from school
- Attendance: To be counted present during Remote Learning days, students must participate in a live video conference or phone call with a *certified* teacher and complete academic work associated with the day.

Teachers and building administrators were praised for their hard work and creativity in making possible a remote learning plan that provides the flexibility for teachers to make the best possible professional decision regarding the continuous learning of their students.

Upcoming Meetings

The next regular scheduled Board of Education meeting is Monday, February 13, 2023 at 6:30 P.M.